

### AMENDMENTS

#### In the Specification:

Please replace the original ABSTRACT with the following replacement ABSTRACT:

A storage compartment for ~~The invention enables to load~~ loading and unload ~~unloading~~ batteries of varying sizes efficiently. ~~Storage apparatus 10 is equipped with storage compartment 25~~ capable of storing battery A of three different kinds of thicknesses and a lid that covers an insertion ~~port 34 of the storage compartment 25. Storage~~ The storage compartment [[25]] is internally equipped with a position regulating plate part [[70]] on a ceiling part, ~~32 and an~~ ejection urging part [[50]], a thickness judging part, and a contact point part [[40]] on an end surface [[33]] at the back side. The Position ~~position~~ regulating plate part [[70]] is equipped with ~~three~~ rotatable position regulating plates ~~71, 72 and 73. Position regulating plates 71, 72 and 73 are urged by regulating~~ 71, 72 and 73. Position regulating plates 71, 72 and 73 are urged by regulating ~~springs 81, 82 and 83~~ to protrude vertically into the storage compartment [[25]]. When a battery [[A]] is inserted, ~~one through three~~ the position regulating plates ~~71, 72 and 73~~ guide the battery A ~~to and~~ cause it to be pressed to a bottom surface part [[31]] of the storage compartment [[25]]. Any one of the position regulating plates ~~71, 72 and 73~~ that does not abut the battery A ~~oppose~~ perpendicularly to ~~opposes the~~ battery [[A]] in a perpendicular direction and prohibits movement of the battery [[A]] in the thickness direction. ~~By closing the lid, battery A can be loaded to be~~ positioned in a prescribed position.